

MINUTES
TOWN OF EAST FISHKILL
TOWN BOARD MEETING
APRIL 23, 2026
6:00 p.m.

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

The Town of East Fishkill's Town Board Meeting on April 23, 2026, was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Supervisor D'Alessandro with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Supervisor's Presentation:

Life Well Lived Award – Presented to Richard and Maureen Taylor

Presentation of Milestone Awards – to 9 Local Businesses

Supervisor D'Alessandro presented awards to (volume starts 13 minutes into the meeting).

Lisa Bald for Lisa's Learning Center for 30 years of business; Sal and Christa Sienna for Fine Line Lawn Care for 28 years of business; Diane Tedesco for JCD Tax Preparation for 27 years of business; Jeff and Joan Gaterner for Hudson Valley Swim for 23 years of business.

Patrick Manning stated this is the third round recognizing 30 individual businesses from 150 years all the way down to 20 years. Every single one is important because they are all homegrown and have stayed here through the good and the bad to make East Fishkill a great place to live. Susan DeCosta, President of the Rotary, stated they are a growing club who is enjoying partnering with the town on several different projects. They have 12 new prospective members and invite everyone to check them out on Facebook or e-mail them for more details. The club history and rules have changed a bit. It is no longer a men's only business that requires an invitation. You no longer have to make every meeting, participate in every project, and they will take anyone who would like to join their club.

Supervisor D'Alessandro thanked the Rotary and Mr. Manning as well as all of the businesses who have sustained staying in business for so long. As a small business owner for over 25 years he does know how hard it is and the dedication it takes. He encouraged everyone to visit these businesses and keep them in business.

Supervisor's Announcements:

Supervisor D'Alessandro stated the month started with the monthly Dutchess County Supervisors and Mayors Association meeting. This month they met in Hyde Park at the new Inn at Beffefield. The guest speakers included someone from the New York State Association of Towns and one from the New York Conference of Mayors and they were discussing the Governor's budget and how it could impact all of the municipal budgets. There are more and more unfunded mandates from the Governor, so those costs get passed on to the local jurisdictions. It is a very unfair system. It was a very informative meeting.

The annual Town Cleanup Day was this past month. It had a great turnout, and he thanked all the residents who came out to help. He also thanked all of the staff and the Police Department who participated as well.

He attended the Dutchess County CDAC Meeting. This committee approves all the local grants in coordination with Dutchess County Planning. This time they reviewed the Community Development Block Grants and made their recommendations.

Supervisor D'Alessandro attended a meeting with New York State Assemblyman Beephan with the Town Supervisors from Wappingers, LaGrange, and Fishkill.

This was also with Immigration and Customs Enforcement. They gave an overview of what they are doing and how the enforcement is going.

The Dutchess County EDAC met and reviewed the latest economic development happening in Dutchess County. Unemployment is very low in Dutchess County.

When it gets too low it creates problems for companies looking to hire people.

Tourism is on the uptick, and housing prices remain very high. Small businesses make up approximately 86% of all businesses in Dutchess County. So there needs to be more help for these businesses. He thanked Ron Hicks for his years of service as he will be retiring from his position as Assistant County Executive on May 1st.

East Fishkill's Economic Development Committee met this past week. This is also made up of small business leaders and others who care about the Town and want to see the Town thrive. The Town Board has done a fantastic job at bringing in businesses to help offset taxes. Keeping taxes low will help people stay in the community. They are planning on having a public meeting with all of the local businesses on May 11th at 6:00 PM at Town Hall. They have done this several times before to discuss everything that is going on in East Fishkill.

There was a Zoom meeting with Congressman Lawlor including all the municipal leaders from Dutchess and Putnam County. It is an opportunity for the congressman to discuss what is going on in Washington and the local communities with the local leaders.

Supervisor D'Alessandro attended the Dutchess County Regional Chamber of Commerce contact breakfast. The guest speaker was Assistant County Executive Ron Hicks, and he gave an overview of the economics in Dutchess County. This group has a phenomenal number of businesses enrolled and they do a great job. Supervisor D'Alessandro stated he wanted to discuss an endeavor that the Town of East Fishkill is putting forward called the Community Character Preservation Act. This has come about from the adoption of the Comprehensive Master Plan. There were surveys that thousands of residents completed and an overwhelming

statistic came out that over 85% of residents say they want more open space. They reviewed the open space to see how they can create this Community Character Preservation Act. They have identified farms that are located throughout the Town, and they will put a proposal on the November ballot where the residents can approve or not if the Town shall purchase different farms either to be preserved as farmland forever or the Town would purchase their development rights, and it will stay green forever. This is getting very good traction as he talks to many residents about it. There will be a workshop on May 7th to discuss this at the Town Hall. The Town Planner, Town Board, and other professionals will be there that night. This will probably be discussed at every meeting moving forward for the next few months.

Roll Call: Supervisor D'Alessandro asked the Town Clerk to call the rolls.

Board Members in attendance were:

Craig	Emanuel	Tom	Marianne	Nicholas
Arco	Marinero	Franco	Flores	D'Alessandro

Also, in attendance were:

Tom Wood, Attorney; Derrick Cuccia, Police Chief; Scott Bryant, Engineer; and Mark Pozniak, Comptroller.

Public Hearings:

None.

Approve Minutes:

March 26, 2026, Town Board Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes for the March 26, 2026, Town Board meeting minutes: Board Member Franco. Seconded: Board Member Marinero. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Announcement of Additions to the Agenda:

Supervisor D'Alessandro said there are no additions to the agenda.

Courtesy of the Floor:

Supervisor D'Alessandro asked if there was anyone who wanted to speak about any general town issues.

Frank Coyle lives at 1482 Route 82. He stated that as of tonight the permit for the interior demolition on the old fish market has expired. Engineer Bryant stated he

visited the site while they were doing a substantial cleanup of the inside. They did have a dumpster there. They did cut some trees from around the building and cleaned up around the outside of the building. They did remove some sheetrock. The Town did receive plans today from the applicant's engineer that speaks to the repairs, so they have not had time to review it. Mr. Coyle asked if the plans are compliant with the R1 designation of the property. Engineer Bryant stated the plans that he briefly looked at this afternoon spoke strictly to a repair of the structure. It didn't go into what the intended use was going to be. Mr. Coyle asked if any work to the property has to meet all the new codes and Engineer Bryant said yes they will have to go through the Building Department. Mr. Coyle stated at the last meeting they stated they were going to secure the site with some type of fencing. Engineer Bryant stated the building itself has been secured and he will have to check on any fencing. Mr. Coyle asked if the owner would get a permit once the plans are reviewed for the structural repair. Engineer Bryant stated there will be some questions asked including what the intended use will be. It would be premature to say whether or not he will be getting a permit. He did comply by submitting plans as far as the repair of the structure. There is an overlay for buildings of that type. Supervisor D'Alessandro stated that is an overlay zone that was adopted possibly six to seven years ago for mixed-use where they can have commercial on the bottom and residential on the top. It is limited as to what their septic and sewer can handle. That is a review by the Board of Health. It would go before the Planning Board and have a Public Hearing, and they have to meet all of the requirements for parking and everything else. Mr. Coyle stated since he is in his own business he feels a little less outreach and a little more focus on insuring costs, unemployment costs, liability insurance, and all of these things would be more helpful. Supervisor D'Alessandro stated that everyone needs to reach out to their assemblymen and senators as they are the ones who make the laws and legislature for workman's comp, insurance, etc.

Robert Grasso stated there are two houses in Hillside Lake that he believes need to be looked at as far as being unsafe. One is down by Sunny Dock at the bottom of Sunset. The other would be on possibly North Mission and Lake Road. It is the house right by the outlet valve. He stated nobody has lived in them and he has called East Fishkill Police on numerous occasions about people trespassing there. He stated he also sees the kids on electric bikes or scooters going up and down the one way roads and it is only a matter of time until someone gets hit. He asked the Chief of Police if they could get more patrolling in Hillside Lake. Chief Cuccia stated the electric bikes are a nationwide problem. They're trying to get a handle on it, but it is an ongoing problem.

Receive and File:

Supervisor D'Alessandro stated they were acknowledging May 2026 as Mental Awareness Month. He read the proclamation for it. He urged everyone to reach out if they know anyone suffering from mental illness and try to help.

Resolutions:

1. Award Exclusive Food Truck Proposal for Route 376 Hopewell Recreation for 2026

RESOLUTION

(AUTHORIZING EXCLUSIVE FOOD TRUCK CONCESSION PROPOSAL FOR HOPEWELL RECREATION PARK)

WHEREAS, the Town Board has the authority to approve and regulate concession services at Town recreational facilities; and

WHEREAS, East Fishkill Recreation utilizes the Hopewell Recreation Park located at 330 Route 376 for seasonal programs and events that benefit the community; and

WHEREAS, Amani's Kitchen has submitted a proposal to provide food truck concession services at the Hopewell Recreation Park; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board has determined granting an exclusive food truck arrangement will promote efficiency, consistency and quality of service; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, pursuant to the authority vested in the Town Board, that the Town Board hereby authorizes an exclusive food truck concession agreement with Amani's Kitchen for the period of April 2026 through November 2026 at Hopewell Recreation Park, for a total accepted amount of \$2,500.00; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Amani's Kitchen shall provide proof of appropriate insurance coverage, obtain all required permits, and comply with all applicable Health Department regulations; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that such agreement shall be subject to any additional terms and conditions as deemed necessary and appropriate by the Town Board.

Motion to award exclusive Food Truck Proposal for Route 376 Hopewell Recreation for 2026: Board Member Flores. Seconded: Board Member Franco. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

2. Authorize the Supervisor to Hire Summer Camp & Red Wing Seasonal Staff at his Discretion, Based on the Recommendation of the Recreation Director, Within the Set Budget

RESOLUTION

(AUTHORIZING HIRING OF SEASONAL EMPLOYEES FOR SUMMER PROGRAMS)

WHEREAS, the Town of East Fishkill conducts extensive summertime programs; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Town Board to authorize the hiring of temporary workers for the summer season to assist in these programs; and

WHEREAS, the Recreation Director has submitted to the Town Board the names of temporary summer employees for the Recreation Camp & Red Wing Park to be compensated at the hourly rates set forth in the attached schedule;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board authorizes the hiring of the temporary summer employees for the 2026 camp & Red Wing season and that the Town Comptroller is hereby authorized to place said employees on the Town payroll, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, for Recreation purposes, the Town Supervisor is authorized to appoint additional and replacement employees as positions become available due to vacancies or separations, provided such appointments remain within budgetary appropriations; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all temporary summer employees shall be hired subject to receipt of a background check, with start dates to be determined by the Town Supervisor, and upon completion of their duties, shall be removed from the payroll unless otherwise directed by the Town Board.

Motion to authorize the Supervisor to hire Summer Camp & Red Wing seasonal staff at his discretion, based on the recommendation of the Recreation Director, within the set budget: Board Member Franco. Seconded: Board Member Arco. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

3. Authorize the Highway Superintendent and Deputy to Attend the 2026 Highway School Conference

RESOLUTION

(AUTHORIZING TOWN OFFICIALS TO ATTEND THE 2026 HIGHWAY SCHOOL CONFERENCE)

WHEREAS, the Highway Superintendent is requesting to go to the 2026 Highway School Conference in Ithaca, NY along with his Deputy Highway Superintendent. The training will be held at the Glazer Arena of Ithaca College Athletics and Events

Center on the Ithaca College Campus in Ithaca, New York from June 1, 2026 to June 3, 2026; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Town Board does hereby authorize the Highway Superintendent and the Deputy Highway Superintendent to attend the 2026 Highway School Conference held at Ithaca College in Ithaca, New York on June 1, 2026 to June 3, 2026; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all reasonable and necessary expenses incurred may be approved by the Supervisor for reimbursement by the Town.

Motion to authorize the Highway Superintendent and Deputy to attend the 2026 Highway School Conference: Board Member Marinaro. Seconded: Board Member Franco. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

4. Acknowledge Seasonal Laborer for the Highway Department

RESOLUTION

(HIRING SEASONAL LABORERS)

WHEREAS, the Highway Superintendent and Highway Foreman Ryan Knapp, have interviewed Charles Stanley; and

WHEREAS, the Highway Superintendent is requesting the Town Board acknowledge the hiring of Charles Stanley as a Seasonal Laborer; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board does hereby acknowledge the hiring Charles Stanley in the Highway Department; and

SEASONAL LABORERS

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Step 1	17.50
Step 2	18.00
Step 3	18.50
Step 4	19.00
Step 5	19.50

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the above-mentioned seasonal laborer shall be paid in accordance with the attached 2026 pay-scale and that upon completion of their seasonal tasks, shall be removed from payroll.

Motion to acknowledge a Seasonal Laborer for the Highway Department: Board Member Arco. Seconded: Board Member Flores. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

5. Approve Legion Fireworks for John Jay Graduation

RESOLUTION

(AUTHORIZING FIREWORKS AT JOHN JAY HIGH SCHOOL)

WHEREAS a request was made to authorize Fireworks at John Jay High School; and

WHEREAS, the Fireworks Display Company has provided a copy for their NYS License and a Certificate of Insurance to the Town; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that a Fireworks Display to be conducted by Legion Fireworks Co, Inc on June 26, 2026, is hereby authorized, subject to the receipt of an appropriate Certificate of Insurance and notification to the Fire District;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this approval is granted pursuant to the authority vested in the Town Board by the NYS Penal Law.

Motion to approve Legion Fireworks for John Jay Graduation: Board Member Flores. Seconded: Board Member Marinaro. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

6. Authorize the Dutchess County Office for Aging Vans to Park at the Community Center

RESOLUTION

(AUTHORIZING THE PARKING OF COUNTY VEHICLES AT COMMUNITY CENTER)

WHEREAS, the County of Dutchess operates a bus service for Senior Citizens in the Town; and

WHEREAS, the County has requested to park up to two of its vehicles at the Community Center overnight; and

WHEREAS, the Town will have no responsibility for the vehicles; and

WHEREAS, the County will provide a Certificate of Insurance; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the County may park up to two vehicles used in the Senior Program overnight at the Community Center; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Supervisor will ensure an agreement is in place to the satisfaction of the Town Attorney.

Motion to authorize the Dutchess County Office for Aging vans to park at the Community Center: Board Member Franco. Seconded: Board Member Arco. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

7. Establish Comprehensive Plan Implementation and Advisory Committee

RESOLUTION

(DESIGNATING MEMBERS OF THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN IMPLEMENTATION COMMITTEE)

WHEREAS, the Town's recently adopted Comprehensive Plan "Cultivating Balance" recommends the establishment of a Comprehensive Plan Implementation Committee; and

WHEREAS, it is envisioned the committee will support the implementation of the plan's, the goals and strategies and make recommendations to the Town Board; and

WHEREAS, said committee is to consist of at least seven but no more than nine members; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the following persons be and hereby are appointed as members of the Comprehensive Plan Implementation Committee:

Craig Smith
Fred Wells
Erika Gutierrez
John Buckley
Isabel Alves
Aisha Kutter
Patrick Barnes
Felicia Walker

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, said members shall serve without compensation and at the pleasure of the Town Board.

Motion to establish the Comprehensive Plan Implementation and Advisory Committee: Board Member Marinaro. Seconded: Board Member Franco. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

8. Authorize the Engineer to Prepare a Map, Plan, and Report for Railroad Junction Water District

RESOLUTION

(AUTHORIZE PREPARATION OF HOPEWELL RAILROAD MPR)

WHEREAS, the Town has been approached by several residences to investigate the possibility of installing water and/or sanitary sewer utilities in the Old Hopewell and Bridge Street areas of our downtown; and

WHEREAS, the Town previously authorized Town Staff and RCAP Solutions to proceed with an income survey that is underway; and

WHEREAS, grant applications require the formation of a Special District. Special Districts require that a Map, Plan & Report be prepared by a New York State Licensed Engineer prior to a public hearing and formation from occurring; and

WHEREAS, this is a Type II SEQR classification for the preparation of a MPR; and

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED, the Town authorizes the Town Engineer to prepare a Map, Plan & Report to be known as the Hopewell Railroad Water District;

Motion to authorize the Engineer to Prepare a map, plan, and report for Railroad Junction Water District: Board Member Arco. Seconded: Board Member Marinaro. Board Member Marinaro abstained. All others voted in favor. Motion carried.

9. Authorize Auction of Vehicles for Various Departments (2)

RESOLUTION

**(DECLARING CERTAIN PROPERTY TO BE
SURPLUS)**

WHEREAS, the Town has certain property that is requested to be declared surplus; and

WHEREAS, said property consists of a 2008 Chevrolet Silverado (9993), 2009 Chrysler Town & Country (9828), and a 2019 Dodge Charger (5224); and

WHEREAS, the Town Board concurs; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that said property is hereby declared surplus and is to be disposed of by participating in an auction process held by Absolute Auctions & Realty without cost to the Town.

Motion to authorize auction of vehicles for various departments (2): Board Member Flores. Seconded: Board Member Marinaro. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

10. Authorize hiring of Temporary Typist

RESOLUTION-068/2026

(APPOINT TOWN HALL TEMPORARY PART-TIME TYPIST)

WHEREAS, the Town is in need from time to time of temporary employees commonly referred to as Floaters to assist in the clerical functions necessary to operate Town Departments; and

WHEREAS, Bethany Ciulla and Michelle Warren were interviewed and are recommended to be hired as Temporary Typists; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Bethany Ciulla and Michelle Warren are now hereby appointed as Temporary Part-time Typists in the Town, being paid an hourly rate of \$18.22; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that said typists shall work at the pleasure of the Town Supervisor in accordance with all the previously established rules and regulations.

Motion to authorize the hiring of a temporary typist: Board Member Franco. Seconded: Board Member Arco. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

11. Adopt SEQRA Determination for Warren Farm Bridge Replacement

RESOLUTION

(SEQR DETERMINATION WARREN FARM ROAD BRIDGE REPLACEMENT)

WHEREAS, the Warren Farm Road Bridge is structurally deficient and requires replacement; and

WHEREAS, the proposed replacement of the bridge would bring the bridge into compliance with current standards; and

WHEREAS, the Town applied for and received a BridgeNY grant in 2023 to complete the bridge replacement; and

WHEREAS, the Town determined the proposed replacement of the Warren Farm Bridge meets the definition of a Type II Action under SEQR 6 NYCRR Part 617.5(c) (2); and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Town Board does hereby determine that the Warren Farm Bridge Replacement is a Type II action under SEQR (see attached memo “Warren Farm Bridge Replacement SEQR Determination”); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Board does hereby adopt a Type II SEQR Determination for the Warren Farm Bridge Replacement.

Motion to adopt the SEQRA Determination for the Warren Farm Bridge Replacement: Board Member Marinaro. Seconded: Board Member Arco. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

12. Set Special Meeting for May 7, 2026, to Award Paving Bid

RESOLUTION

(SCHEDULING A SPECIAL TOWN BOARD MEETING)

WHEREAS, the Town Board hereby authorizes a Special Town Board Voting Meeting prior to the Workshop to be held on May 7, 2026 for paving and other issues; and

WHEREAS, the bids are due April 30, 2026 and will be reviewed by the Town Engineer and the Highway Superintendent prior to the meeting; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Town Board to schedule the Special Town Board meeting for paving and other issues; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board will conduct a Special Voting Meeting on May 7, 2026 at 6:00 PM at the Town Hall for paving and other issues.

Motion to set a Special Meeting for May 7, 2026, to award the Paving Bid: Board Member Arco. Seconded: Board Member Marinaro. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

13. Authorize Mutual Aid Agreement with the County and Towns for Police Services

RESOLUTION

(AUTHORIZING A MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT)

WHEREAS, the General Municipal Law authorizes agreements amongst municipalities to assist each other with personnel and equipment in times of emergencies; and

WHEREAS, Dutchess County has prepared a Mutual Aid Agreement amongst itself and Towns and Villages in the County with Police Departments; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Supervisor is authorized to enter into a Mutual Aid Agreement for Police Services.

Motion to authorize the Mutual Aid Agreement with the County and Towns for police services: Board Member Flores. Seconded: Board Member Arco. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

14. Hire Seasonal Laborer

RESOLUTION

(HIRING SEASONAL LABORERS)

WHEREAS, the Town has interviewed Kenneth Williams Jr; and

WHEREAS, the Town has hired Kenneth Williams Jr as a Seasonal Laborer; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board does hereby acknowledge the rehiring of Kenneth Williams Jr as a Seasonal Laborer in the Water & Sewer department; and

SEASONAL LABORERS

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Step 5

19.50

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the above-mentioned seasonal laborer shall be paid in accordance with the attached 2026 pay-scale and that upon completion of their seasonal tasks, shall be removed from payroll.

Motion to hire a seasonal laborer: Board Member Franco. Seconded: Board Member Flores. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

15. SEQR Intent for Lead Agency Hopewell Railroad Water District

RESOLUTION

**(DECLARING INTENT FOR LEAD AGENCY
FOR HOPEWELL RAILROAD WATER DISTRICT)**

WHEREAS, the Town of East Fishkill, Dutchess County, New York (hereinafter the “Town”) has established the public benefit to the Town residents for the formation and construction of a Special District for Water; and,

WHEREAS, the project includes watermain extension, building services, hydrants, valves, and meter pits (hereinafter the “Project”); and,

WHEREAS, an Environmental Assessment Form (EAF) has been filed with the Town Board as required by 6 NYCRR §617.6(a)(2) to initiate the mandatory environmental review prescribed by the State Environmental Review Act (SEQRA) for the proposed project; and

WHEREAS, this resolution will initiate the SEQRA process for the Action contemplated by the Town as set forth above and the Town Board has undertaken an initial review of the Action as required by 6 NYCRR §617.4 of the SEQRA. The Town Board has reviewed the SEQRA list actions and is of the opinion the project is an Unlisted Action and desires to act as Lead Agency for the purpose of conducting the SEQR review; and

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby makes a preliminary classification of the Action as a "TYPE 1" as such term is defined in 6 NYCRR §617.2. The Town Board hereby declares its intention to be Lead Agency for the purpose of conducting the SEQR review of the Action and that the Town's consultants and employees are hereby authorized to forward appropriate notifications, and any other documents for listings, or other needs identified by various involved agencies; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Board authorizes and directs the prompt transmission of the EAF with a Lead Agency Intent Notice for the purpose of conducting a coordinated SEQR review. Involved agencies must be agreed upon within 30 calendar days of the date the EAF is transmitted to them; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Supervisor of the Town is authorized to execute such documents and take such lawful actions as either such officer may deem convenient, necessary or advisable in order to effectuate the foregoing resolutions, which actions may include without limitation seeking consents from other involved agencies to the designation of the Town as lead agency with respect to the Action.

Motion to declare SEQR Intent for Lead Agency for the Hopewell Railroad Water District: Board Member Marinaro. Seconded: Board Member Arco. Board Member Marinaro recused himself. All others voted in favor. Motion carried.

Additions to the Agenda (If any):

None.

Budget Transfer:

Supervisor D'Alessandro stated there are no budget transfers.

Comments from Town Board Members:

Chief Cuccia stated that fraud has skyrocketed. He is asking everyone to check their credit scores constantly, check their bank records regularly. People are using all sourcing machines and targeting many different areas. Social media is full of scams on Facebook and TikTok, and it is getting very bad. If you have an elderly family member, please watch over their finances. Unfortunately we have many residents falling for these scams and taking money out of the bank. The banks earmark any withdrawals of \$10,000 or more and they question them, but the scam artists are now aware of that, so they are asked to withdraw less than those amounts and to meet someplace to do a handoff. People are falling for it. Board Member Franco stated that a lot of times the scammers will call an individual claiming to be from the bank. Residents should know that the banks will never call you. Always question anyone calling. Chief Cuccia stated please check your emails very closely because they look almost identical to your actual bank correspondence. He stated to double check the link that it was received from and double check the phone numbers that you call back on. Board Member Marinara asked what some of the most common issues that they have dealt with so far have been. Chief Cuccia stated it has been everything that he has commented on. Online accounts now look exactly like your bank's website. The best way to not fall victim to the scam is to refuse to give out your Social Security number. Do not send out any gift cards to anyone and no bank will ever ask you to meet someone

to deliver cash. Those are some of the biggest problems they're having right now. Board Member Marinaro asked if they were having issues with solicitation phone calls trying to ask certain questions from people. Chief Cuccia said no they have gotten way past just automated calls at this point. They have a live person usually with some sort of accent and asking for gift cards to be sent.

Chief Cuccia also wanted to remind everyone about the dog laws in the Town. Please make sure if you have a dog in the Town of East Fishkill that it is registered and the rabies shots are up to date.

He wanted to thank his staff for their participation in the Town Clean Up Day. A large number of members showed up and participated, and he wanted to thank the Board for the training in Memphis and/or Vegas. The Axon training was very valuable, and it allows them to stay up to date on the latest technology and also the laws that go along with the technology. The laws are constantly being updated to show that they have the right to use this technology, and it is extremely important.

Board Member Arco stated Wednesday, April 29th is East Fishkill Women's Female and Fearless Safety Awareness class. You must register on the East Fishkill Recreation website, which is eastfishkillrecreation.com. Register early as spots are filling up. He had the opportunity to meet with the police chief several times over the month. He wants to take a moment to recognize the tremendous amount of work happening behind the scenes that the community does not always see. At any given time there are approximately 30 police officers at various stages in their career. Many of them serve in multiple capacities. The Chief also has to plan for retirements and recruitment. In 2026 multiple senior officers will be retiring.

He stated at the beginning of April was National Public Safety Telecommunicators week and he wanted to extend his gratitude to all of the dispatchers and assistants as well. Chief Cuccia thanked him for the shout out to the dispatchers and assistants because they do an excellent job that usually goes unnoticed.

Board Member Marinaro stated he's been looking for ways to address the unaffordable cost of electricity in our community. The Town Supervisor and Town Board conducted a special meeting on April 8th at John Jay High School. Assemblyman Beephan, a NYS ISO representative, and representation from Central Hudson were all there. There was a lot of information presented and many questions were answered. There is a need for cheap reliable energy sources. These needs could be taken care of by the Governor and Senate Majority Leader Cousins. He asked everyone to call the Senate Majority Leader's office in Albany at 518-455-2585. The district office is 914-423-4031. The Governor's number is 518-474-8390. Right now they are in budget negotiations, and a lot of that discussion is concerning the high cost of energy. Please reach out to them to help reduce cost of energy for next year and in the future. He stated he has noticed an increase in the amount of projects before the planning board. That means people are investing in the community and that is a good thing.

This Monday night was the first economic committee members meeting for 2026. It was a great exchange of information. May 11th will be a general meeting with the community at 6:00 PM at the Town Hall.

The local volunteer fire and ambulance service continue to do a phenomenal job of servicing our community. They are in constant need of volunteers. Please stop by or call any of the stations to help volunteer. It will help keep your taxes low. He stated while they did community cleanup he was on Route 376 from Frankie's Superette up to Van Wyck Junior High School. He did notice some of the culverts on Route 376 were full of debris. He wanted to thank the Highway Superintendent for being able to contact the State and having some of them cleaned up.

Board Member Franco stated to accommodate working residents with registration and lake passes the recreation office will extend their hours on Wednesday starting May the 6th. It will be Wednesdays only and only for the month of May. They will be open from 8:00 AM to 6:30 PM on those days. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday are from 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM. Monday May 4th starts registration for both summer recreation programs. Renewing lake passes can only be picked up at the recreation office. There are no online sales for that. Red Wing swim lessons and swim team, summer camp trips, basketball camp, fishing camp, and youth golf lesson registrations are available. Early registration for summer camp is still open until May 16th. Women's Basketball 18 years and older are starting and the games are played at Hopewell Recreation on Monday evenings. Co-ed sand volleyball registration has started. Men's basketball registration starts on May 4th. April 25th is a Town trip to "Doo Wop" project at the Paramount Theater. May 17th is a trip to Catskills Resort Casino. June 17th is a casino trip with a matinee show called "Summer Nights". To register, you can call the recreation office or go to the website and register there. He took a walk last night around the Rec and it was jam packed and he wanted to give a shout out to Ryan Knapp and the great job he has done with all of the fields.

Board Member Flores stated she has the report from the Highway Superintendent who was unable to make it to tonight's meeting. The grade all has been out doing shoulder work repairs in various locations. They have conducted tree work at several locations including Brettview Park, Lomala, and Woodmont Road. They continue to work on potholes. If you notice any potholes, please call the Highway Department at 845-221-2681 so they can promptly get them addressed. The beautification team has been out making the Town beautiful and working on preparations for the Arbor Day celebration and plantings that will be part of the spring fling event scheduled for this Saturday, April 25th, at the Community Center. The street sweepers continue to make their way around town. They've been covering a lot of ground. They do post on Facebook where they expect the sweepers to be each day. Please continue to be mindful of on street parking and garbage can placement until your road has been swept. They have also been working on in-house paving projects including a section of Phillips Road, Old Sylvan Lake Road, and Stormville Mountain Road, as well as drainage pipe replacements on Stormville Mountain Road and Mountain Top Road.

She stated they were so pleased to have so many people volunteer for the Master Plan Citizens Committee. Unfortunately, they could not select everyone. For those that were not selected they very much appreciate you volunteering to be considered and they will certainly look for other opportunities where you could serve in the future. Their plan is to have the first meeting on June 11th. They will have a meet and greet before that. She is looking forward to working with the team.

She stated she is really looking forward to the Female and Fearless session.

Clerk Cassidy stated it is fishing and handicapped season because everyone is coming in to get both of those passes. He did just get back from his training, and it was very good. The best advice he got was from the Town Attorney to always consult the town attorney before you make a decision.

Supervisor D'Alessandro stated they started the East Fishkill air conditioning program. If the main cooling for your home is a window unit and you are in need of a new one there are several people who have donated window air conditioners, and they are available for free. You can check the website. You need to show that window units are your primary AC cooling unit and if so, it is on a first come first served basis. Call his office at 845-221-4303 and they will guide you through how to get it.

People are starting to talk about brush drop off. That begins on May 20th and it goes through June 13th. Both the A/C program and the brush drop off will be advertised on the social media pages and the website. They do have a Hope Wellness Day coming in May at the Community Center. This is a new day of wellness. There are several people willing to dedicate their time to assist with this. They will be discussing that further as well.

Motion for Adjournment: Time: Motion to adjourn the regular meeting at 7:23 PM: Board Member Franco. Seconded: Board Member Flores. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Town Board Meetings:

Workshop Meeting:

May 7, 2026

Regular Meeting:

May 21, 2026

Respectfully submitted by Julie J. Beyer on behalf of Town Clerk Peter Cassidy – April 28, 2026